

## KEWAUNEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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## **Kewaunee County Public Health Department Addresses COVID-19**

KEWAUNEE COUNTY, WI – The Kewaunee County Public Health Department is advising that residents, businesses, nursing homes, and schools take preventative action immediately to help lessen the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Currently, there are no cases of COVID-19 reported in Kewaunee County, and the Public Health Department is closely monitoring the situation as well as COVID-19 test results. To help prevent the spread, local health officials are echoing recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), which includes:

- Cover Your Coughs & Sneezes
- Wash Your Hands Frequently with Soap & Water for at least 20 Seconds; If Soap
   & Water are Not Available Use Hand-Sanitizer that has 60% Alcohol
- Stay Home if Sick until Fever Free for 24 Hours without Medicine
- Avoid Close Contact with People who are Sick
- Wipe Down & Disinfect at Home & Work
- Social Distance Yourself if Possible (Avoid Large Public Gatherings & Crowds)
- Do Not Travel to Highly Infected Areas out of the Country & in the United States
- If You Have Traveled to Highly Infected Areas: Self-Quarantine for 14 Days, Monitor Your Temperature Twice Daily, and Be Aware of Potential COVID-19 Symptoms that also include Cough & Trouble Breathing

The Kewaunee County Public Health Department is advising local nursing homes limit visitors, schools report on spring break trips, residents report on leisure and work related travel to highly infected areas including cruise ships and then self-quarantine, and all businesses stay on top of daily cleaning procedures to cut-down on the risk of exposure to employees and the public.

"The best thing that we can all do is be mindful of our everyday actions to limit exposure, for example, go to work and then go home, disinfect, take care of errands like shopping for groceries and essentials during off-peak times and consolidate trips to the stores," said Cindy Kinnard, RN, Director of Kewaunee County Public Health Department. "The Kewaunee County Public Health Department is closely monitoring this rapidly changing situation involving COVID-19. We will continue to update the public, and advise that everyone follows federal, state and local recommendations by us, the CDC and DHS."

If you feel that you may have been exposed to COVID-19 or have questions, stay home and contact your primary care provider. The Kewaunee County Public Health Department is also an available resource and can be reached at (920) 388-7160 (Monday-Friday from 8AM-4:30PM), but with limited staff, who are all working to educate themselves on the latest COVID-19 findings to keep the public informed, staff may not be able to return calls as quickly as primary care providers.

Kewaunee County has COVID-19 resources listed on the County website at www.kewauneeco.org.

COVID-19 Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS):

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm

World Health Organization (WHO):

https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

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